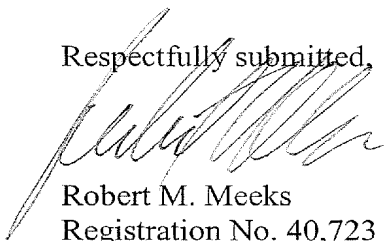


REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the detailed examination evidenced by the Final Office Action mailed September 8, 2006 (hereinafter "final Office Action"), and more particularly, the allowance of Claims 3 and 30-35 and the indication that Claims 11 and 15 recite patentable subject matter. To expedite allowance and issue, Applicants have amended Claims 11 and 15 to independent form incorporating the recitations of the base and intervening claims, thus placing Claims 11 and 15 in condition for allowance. Claims 1, 4-8, 10, 12-14, 16-29 and 36-40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer towards pursuing the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims and passing of the application to issue in due course. Applicants urge the Examiner to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (919) 854-1400 to resolve any remaining formal issues.

Respectfully submitted,

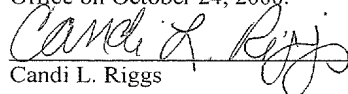


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